

ADMIRAL MAKAROFF AND CREW ARE DROWNED

PETROPAVLOVSK BLOWN UP BY MINE—PREPARING VESSELS TO MEET JAPS.

NEWS CAUSES STIR IN ST. PETERSBURG

Firing in vicinity of Port Arthur heard at daybreak by steamer arriving at Wei-Hai-Wei—Clash on the Yalu River.

BULLETINS.
St. Petersburg, April 13.—It is officially announced that Vice-Admiral Makaroff was drowned at the time of the sinking of the battleship Petropavlovsk.

St. Petersburg, April 13.—Intense excitement has been caused here by the report spread broadcast in the city regarding the disaster at Port Arthur.

St. Petersburg, April 13.—While going out to meet the Japanese fleet off Port Arthur the Petropavlovsk struck a mine in the outer roadstead, heeled over, turned turtle and sank. Practically the whole of her crew was lost. Only four officers were saved, among them being the Grand Duke Cyril. The Petropavlovsk was flying the flag of Vice Admiral Makaroff. The result of the naval battle, which, according to reliable authority, was in progress, according to the latest reports, has not been received.

St. Petersburg, April 13.—It is now believed that the mine which sank the Petropavlovsk had drifted out of its original position. The latest estimate of the number of men who lost their lives is 800. The announcement that Admiral Makaroff was drowned, has cast a gloom over the entire city. It is generally believed he will be succeeded by Rear Admiral Rojestvensky, who was slated to command the Baltic squadron.

St. Petersburg, April 13.—The Grand Duke Vladimir, uncle of the czar, received a telegram today announcing that his son, the Grand Duke Cyril, had been wounded at Port Arthur. A semi-official telegram received here says that the first-class battleship Petropavlovsk has been sunk off Port Arthur, only four officers being saved, among them the Grand Duke Cyril, who was wounded.

Rumors of Fight.
Rumors are afloat in the city that there has been a fight at Port Arthur, but the details are unobtainable except that the Petropavlovsk was sunk with the loss of the entire crew. The complement of the Petropavlovsk when fully manned was 700 men.

Heir to Throne Narrowly Escapes.
Another account says that twenty men escaped from disaster to Petropavlovsk. Grand Duke Cyril, between whom and the throne there is only a single life, was saved from death by a miracle. His brother, the Grand Duke Boris, witnessed the catastrophe through a marine glass.

According to a very high authority the latest advices received at the winter palace here are to the effect that the naval battle is still progressing off Port Arthur. It is estimated that from 600 to 700 men perished when the Petropavlovsk sank.

Forty Jap Vessels.
The Japanese fleet off Port Arthur, including the torpedo boats and torpedo boat destroyers, totals forty.

Ordered Fleet to Battle.
Vice Admiral Makaroff ordered his whole squadron out of the harbor to meet the attack.

Struck a Mine.
According to the Associated Press informant, while preparing to draw his line of battle in the outer roadstead the Petropavlovsk struck a mine, on her starboard side amidships and immediately began to heel. Before the crew could flood the port compartments of the vessel in order to keep her on even keel, she turned turtle and sank in a few minutes carrying down almost the entire crew.

Only Four Escaped.
Captain N. Jakovloff, Grand Duke Cyril and two other officers were saved because they were standing on the upper bridge. The frightful loss of life among the officers and men was due to the fact that they were all at their

POLICE GET ACCOMPLICE

ARREST COMPANION OF MAN WHO ASSAULTED PREMIER MAURIA.

Barcelona, April 13.—The police have arrested an accomplice of Artao, who attempted yesterday to kill Premier Mauria. Both men were members of a society styled "The Lovers of Liberty."

stations ready for action. Cyril's injuries were slight. It is learned today that the Russian Cossacks, who annihilated fifty Japanese at Samalind Island on the Yalu river, April 8 numbered only thirty seven men.

Wai-Hai-Wei, April 13.—The British gunboat Esplegle has arrived here and reports that at daylight today while off Port Arthur she heard sounds of heavy firing and saw the flash of guns. It is believed that a fleet action was proceeding. Three men of war of unknown nationality were seen in the distance.

Try to Intercept Cruiser.
The action fought off Port Arthur appears to have consisted, according to the reports received here, of an unsuccessful attempt made by four Japanese cruisers and one battleship to intercept a large Russian cruiser coming from the east. The Russian cruiser Askold and a battleship of the Pobleda type went to the assistance of the Russian cruiser. The forts at Port Arthur did not participate in the action. Firing continues but is of short duration.

Buried With Honor.
Tokio, April 13.—The fragments of the bodies of Commander Hirose, who was killed March 27, in the second attempt to bottle up Port Arthur, was interred today with military honors.

Japs Attack at Daylight.
Chefoo, April 13.—A private dispatch from Port Arthur says that the Japanese attacked the place at daylight today. The full Russian fleet went out under Admiral Makaroff and assisted by the fire of the forts drove the enemy off. The dispatch adds that the town was not pressed. The effect of the bombardment of the forts and fleet is not mentioned.

Battle on Yalu.
Tokio, April 13.—An official telegram from Wiju says that a company of Russian troops attempted to cross the first stream of the Yalu river west of Wiju this morning and that a company of Japanese attacked and drove the Russians back. The bodies of twenty dead Russians were found after the fight. Their uniforms showed that they belonged to the Twelfth regiment of sharpshooters. The dispatch says that a small party of Russians in Yamaguchi uniforms have attempted to cross the Yalu river at different points between Wiju and Vongampo and that they were all driven back.

Report of Reconnoiter.
Tokio, April 13.—The official report of Admiral Hasega of the skirmish in the Yalu river, which occurred last Sunday arrived today. It is as follows: "In accordance with my instructions, the captain of the cruiser Kasaga directed Lieutenant Yamaguchi with five men to scout in the mouth of the Yalu. They accomplished the work safely and returned to the Kasaga Monday. They entered the river in a Korean junk and at 2 o'clock Sunday discovered a party of Russians leaving the right bank of the river near the Yoryup in a junk. Yamaguchi attacked them. The naval force of counted Japanese troops on left bank of the river joining in the attack. In the meantime another large Russian junk joined the first one and opened fire on the Japanese. The Russians retired and reached the bank and fled inland. The exchange fire lasted one hour and twenty minutes. The enemy had one killed and two wounded. We had no casualties."

To Transport Russians.
St. Petersburg, April 13.—An official telegram reports the appearance of a warship and several junks supposed to be Japanese in the neighborhood of the estuary of the Liao river during the night of April 11. They drew off after the Russian guns had opened fire on them. A number of small steamers and barges are being hastily constructed in Manchuria with the intention of using them on the Amur, Usuri and Sungari rivers, to transport Russian troops and material after the breaking up of the ice.

EDITOR ASSAULTED; DIES.
Chas. O'Brien Taken To Hospital In Unconscious Condition.

St. Louis, April 13.—Charles O'Brien, editor of the American Celt, who was assaulted on the street and taken to the hospital in an unconscious condition, is dead from the injuries.

SERVICES WERE VERY IMPOSING

FUNERAL OF LATE QUEEN ISABELLA ATTENDED BY OFFICIALS AND DIPLOMATS.

Paris, April 13.—Imposing funeral services over the remains of the late Queen Isabella today in Palace Castille were attended by the officials and diplomats. The royal train bore the body to Madrid.

CASE DISMISSED JUROR ARRESTED

TRIAL OF JAS. WATSON, ACCUSED OF EMBEZZLEMENT, ENDS SUDDENLY.

Washington, D. C., April 13.—The case of James M. A. Watson, accused of embezzling \$73,000 from the funds in the custody of the auditor of the District of Columbia, ended today by the discharge of the jury and the arrest of one of the jurors, Arthur L. Orrison for contempt of court for appearing in the jury box in an intoxicated condition. Orrison was sentenced to two months in jail.

EXTRA

OFFICIAL REPORT OF DISASTER.

Admiral Makaroff Lost—Alexieff Sends Report to the Czar.

St. Petersburg, April 13.—Late this afternoon the following official dispatch has been received here from Rear Admiral Grigorovitch, commander at Port Arthur: "The Petropavlovsk struck a mine, which blew her up and she turned turtle. Our squadron was under Golden Hill. The Japanese squadron was approaching. Vice Admiral Makaroff is evidently lost. The Grand Duke Cyril was saved. He was slightly injured. Captain Jakovloff was saved though badly injured, as were five officers and thirty-two men, all more or less injured. Japs Disappear. The enemy's fleet has disappeared. Rear Admiral Prince Oultomsky has assumed command of the fleet. Alexieff's Report. The dispatch from Viceroy Alexieff to the czar says: "According to the reports from the commandant at Port Arthur the battleships and cruisers went out to meet the enemy, but in consequence of the enemy receiving reinforcements they returned to the roadstead, whereupon the Petropavlovsk touched a mine. The whole squadron then re-entered the port. The Japanese are now off Cape Lia Shan."

LEE COUNTY IS HARMONIOUS.

Republican Convention Endorses President Roosevelt and Hedge.
Keokuk, April 13.—The republicans of Lee county met in delegate convention yesterday at Donnellson, which was a large and enthusiastic gathering, a regular "stand pat" jollification. Harmony was the watchword and the business was transacted with enthusiasm and in a very short space of time.

President Roosevelt and Congressman Hedge were warmly endorsed and commended and the greatest confidence in Hon. W. J. Blythe was declared.

DIVER DIES IN WATER PRISON.

Lives Nearly a Day Under Surface, Held Fast By a Leg.

New York, April 13.—After living almost a day under seventy feet of water, William Hoar, a diver, died yesterday afternoon held fast at the bottom of a reservoir at Broomton, N. J. Divers sent on special trains from this city were unable to release him, and even a team hitched to a rope has not stirred the body, which is caught by one leg of the diving suit between a two-ton water plug and an outlet pipe.

THE WEATHER

Iowa.—Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday with showers in west and south portions this afternoon and possibly tonight.
Local Weather.
Nine o'clock last night 28
Seven o'clock this morning 34
Two o'clock this afternoon 44

LAWS ARE IMPORTANT

A RESUME OF THE THIRTIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEGISLATION.

ONE HUNDRED NEW LAWS

Representative A. W. Buchanan Discusses Laws Passed During Session Just Closed—Drainage Bill Most Important—Glad to be Home.

"The drainage bill passed by the last session of the legislature will affect more people and do more for the welfare of the state of Iowa than any other law passed at this session," said A. W. Buchanan, state representative from this district this morning. Mr. Buchanan returned home last evening from Des Moines and states that he is glad the session is over and that he will be able to remain at home and attend to his own business.

Mr. Buchanan has made an enviable record for himself at this session of the legislature and is more than ever accredited with being one of the strong and capable men of the lower house. He is recognized as an eminently practical man and his opinion does much toward influencing legislation among the members.

"The next most important thing in my opinion," said Mr. Buchanan "is the juvenile court bill. This bill places in the hands of the juvenile court, when in good working order, it will do more toward taking boys off the streets of the cities and placing them in a way to learn a business that will make their good, self dependent citizens than any other plan that could be devised.

"Next in importance I consider the bills passed giving to the auditor and the executive council more power over all classes of life insurance companies. All companies desiring to do business in Iowa hereafter will be required to submit their incorporation papers to the auditor and he has power to refuse them permits if he sees fit. The legislation establishing an inebriate hospital at Knoxville is very important. This law also provides that every one sentenced to an inebriate hospital must remain under treatment for one year.

"The primary election bill, which applies to Polk county alone, is a very drastic measure and is unique in that it requires both parties to hold their primaries upon a set date in May at the same time and place and practically compels the use of the Australian balloting system.

"I consider that these are the more important and far reaching bills of the present session. There are a number of bills of minor importance among which I might mention a bill to create a commission to investigate the matter of creating a board of control for state educational institutions, a bill to perfect the compulsory educational law, a bill requiring banks holding deposits of state money to pay 2 per cent interest on the amount deposited, a measure allowing cities and towns to condemn and buy land for the establishment of sewage plants, a measure to levy a tax of four mills for river improvements, a measure regulating the use of automobiles in the public highways, a measure defining the crime of larceny as applying to the theft of poultry in the night time and a measure requiring fire insurance agents to secure an annual permit before they are allowed to solicit for business.

"The direct appropriations made by the general assembly amounted to \$2,230,000. The largest appropriation was for the use of the board of control and this was \$890,000; the next largest was for the college of agriculture and mechanic arts, \$386,000. For the repair of the capitol building, \$126,000 was allotted by the legislature, \$235,000 for the building at Council Bluffs, \$208,000 for the state university at Iowa City; for the historical building at Des Moines, \$200,000, inebriate hospital at Knoxville, \$125,000 and the state fair building \$47,000. The total expense for the next biennial period will amount to \$4,374,000. This amount will be secured without raising the tax levy and is \$300,000 less than for the last biennial period.

"A large amount of this appropriation has been made necessary because of the fire losses that occurred during the last biennial period. The losses were Council Bluffs deaf and dumb institution, \$185,000; capitol building, \$126,000; Ames agricultural and mechanical arts institution, \$95,000; State university, engineering hall, \$60,000; making a loss of \$466,000, almost one-half million dollars.

"Two of the principal bills lost were the civil service bill which was killed in a committee by a vote of 18 to 2, the vote against which was about equally divided between the members of two parties, and the intermediate sentence bill.

"There were a total of 460 bills introduced into the house and about one hundred became laws. My experience in the legislature leads me to think that possibly even a larger proportion as a rule should be killed than enacted into laws. The past legislature seemed to have a sharper ax than many former ones."

TRIBUTE TO DRAKE

SENATOR HARPER EULOGIZES FORMER COMRADE IN IOWA SENATE YESTERDAY.

BATTLE FOR COUNTRY

Were Both Members of the Thirty-Sixth Iowa Infantry—Tells of Patriotism of Late Governor—Recounts His Valor on Battlefield.

[BY LEON BROWN.]
Des Moines Bureau of the Courier.

With a glowing tribute to the late ex-Governor Francis M. Drake, Senator S. H. Harper of Wapello county occupied a few minutes of the closing session of the thirtieth general assembly, which came to an end yesterday afternoon. Senator Harper was a comrade of General Drake in the thirty-sixth Iowa infantry during the civil war.

Senator Harper's Tribute.
Among the speakers on the Drake memorial in the senate yesterday was Senator Harper of Ottumwa. In part he said:

Mr. President: I cannot let this occasion pass without saying a few words in memory of the late Governor Drake. I knew General Drake well. It was my fortune to be his comrade in arms, a member of the Thirty-sixth Iowa, the regiment he commanded during the civil war. I knew him as a citizen and as a soldier. I knew him in peace and in war. I have seen him calm and serene as a May morning. I have seen him aroused by the sound of battle by the scream of shot and shell, when he seemed a very demon of war.

General Drake had many of the traits of Napoleon. Like Napoleon he was bold, fearless, aggressive, persevering, tenacious and quick to see the mistakes of the enemy and to take advantage of them. He was always ready to fight. He never stopped to inquire whether the enemy outnumbered him, but when he found the enemy he attacked at once. Only on a few occasions did General Drake have an independent command, but when he did he showed his great courage and military powers. In the battle of the Little Missouri, with his own regiment numbering some four hundred men, he attacked a Confederate force of ten to twelve hundred, defeated them with severe loss and captured a number of prisoners. He made this attack after being warned of the superior number of the enemy, but General Drake could not see superior numbers, he only saw an armed enemy endeavoring to destroy his country, and he believed it to be the duty of a patriot to destroy the enemy if possible.

On another occasion General Drake held an independent command. He was dispatched with an empty wagon, guarded by a single brigade, consisting of about 1000 infantry and 200 cavalry from Camden to Little Rock in April 1864. He was attacked in a forest when his command was stretched out nearly a mile long, by two divisions of Confederates under Shelby and Fagan, numbering 6,000. Drake was surrounded and was informed that he was surrounded by overwhelming numbers. But Drake did not know how to surrender. So the fight began, and after it had raged for more than an hour, and he saw that there was no hope, he sent word to the major commanding the cavalry to seek the weakest place in the line of the enemy cut through and escape. This was done. But Drake continued the fight for nearly an hour longer. In the mean time the regiment in the rear of the train had been captured. He was holding the enemy at bay with his own regiment, the Thirty-sixth Iowa, when he fell severely wounded, the regiment was falling back and he, being unable to walk, was captured. The regiment, like its gallant commander, did not know how to surrender, so it continued to fight and fall back until it was captured by installments, by squads and platoons.

Governor Drake was a patriot, and from the beginning of the civil war until the last rebel laid down his arms he fought for his country. A young man, without money or influence, but full of energy, grit and perseverance, he rose from the ranks, by merit alone to the rank of brevet brigadier general.

Governor Drake was a man of the people. His education was limited as far as books and classic literature are concerned, but like Abraham Lincoln he possessed that, may I term it higher education, obtained only by a contact and study of the life, manners and customs of the plain people. He knew the people, he knew their wants, their needs, their whims and caprices.

He was a good citizen, generous hearted, kind and sympathetic. He was faithful to his friends, ever ready to help and encourage them. He never forgot the members of his regiment, and was always glad to meet them, never too busy to give them an audience. If an old soldier told him that he had once belonged to his regiment or had served in his brigade, it was like a talisman to his heart, he was ready to do anything in the bounds of reason for the soldier.

He was a generous giver to public enterprises, the institution of learning

SPEEDY SETTLEMENT OF DIFFERENCES IN SIGHT

DEFICIENCY BILL REPORTED

CONGRESSMAN HEMENWAY OFFERS MEASURE IN HOUSE AMID APPLAUSE.

Washington, April 13.—At the opening session of the house today Congressman Hemenway of Indiana, amid applause, reported the general deficiency bill to be considered at this session.

The general deficiency bill carries total of \$10,388,744. The largest item in the bill is \$4,000,000 for pensions. Of this sum \$1,500,000 is estimated as deficiency which will be caused by the execution of the recent service pension order. The majority members of the committee made a fight against this item.

FORMER OTTUMWAN PASSES AWAY

O. M. LADD OF DENVER SUCCEEDS TO ATTACK OF APPENDICITIS.

From Wednesday's Daily.
L. H. Ellsworth received a telegram today at noon from A. D. Moss, of Denver, Colorado, announcing the death of O. M. Ladd, which occurred this morning from appendicitis. Mr. Ladd was for many years a prominent resident of Ottumwa. He was born in Richmond, Ohio, in 1846. He was a graduate of the Iowa State university and a classmate of Judge Smith McPherson.

Mr. Ladd came to Ottumwa in 1868 and for over twenty years was prominent in politics and business in this city. He moved to Denver about five years ago and has been identified with the Colorado Coal and Mining company since. He was a brother of Mrs. A. D. Moss. The remains will be brought to this city for interment.

DESPERATE BATTLE FOR LIFE.

Men Taken From Icy Waters of Lake Michigan.

Chicago, April 13.—After a desperate battle for life, lasting for two hours, on an overturned rowboat in the icy waters of Lake Michigan, two Evanston fishermen, John Parkes and Robert Greer, were saved by the Evanston life-saving crew yesterday afternoon.

WAR ENDS—STORES CLOSED.

Grocers' Association Makes Fight on Italian Fruit Dealers.

Cedar Rapids, April 13.—(Special)—As a result of the campaign waged against the Italian fruit stores by the Grocers' association, all of the stores in this city except drug department pharmacy, will hereafter be closed on Sundays.

ROCK ISLAND TRAIN WRECKED.

Passenger Crashes Into Freight—Engineer Injured.

Joliet, Ill., April 13.—A Rock Island passenger train from St. Paul, crashed into a freight today. Only one person, the engineer, was injured. The cars took fire from the wrecked engine. The track is blocked.

FOUR AERE KILLED.

Fatal Gasoline Explosion Starts \$200,000 Fire.

Detroit, April 13.—A gasoline explosion at the Cadillac Automobile works today caused a fire that damaged the plant to the extent of \$200,000. Four employes were injured.

PROSPECT FOR GETTING TOGETHER OF MINERS AND OPERATORS IS ENCOURAGING.

DROP POWDER QUESTION

Minimum Day Wage Scale to Be Agreed to in Place of Uniform Wage for Outside Day Laborers—To Hear Reports Today.

Des Moines, April 13.—(Special).—The feeling apparent among the miners and the operators here at noon today gives every indication that a settlement may be effected before the close of the week. It is evident, as stated yesterday that such a settlement will be possible only after concessions have been made by both sides. All yesterday and this morning was taken up by the miners and the operators in separate committee meetings and caucuses held for the purpose of deciding what concessions they should make.

Drop Powder Question.

It is known today that the miners have decided to drop the demand for a reduction in the price of powder from \$2 to \$1.75. The operators contend that during the past years, with the changing market conditions and the changing mining prices the cost of powder to the miners has remained the same, hence this question has now been dropped.

Outside Day Wage Scale.

The point which has been mostly discussed and might be considered the nub of the differences, is that of the outside day wage scale. The operators at 12 o'clock today decided to accept the proposition of the miners on this point. It provides for the adoption of a minimum wage for outside day laborers of \$1.80, to be effective for two years. According to this proposition all outside day laborers now receiving more than \$1.80 per day will have their wages reduced 6.66 per cent, but this shall operate so that no outside day laborer shall receive less than \$1.80 per day. This proposition is made to the operators by the miners, who for the past five years have attempted to get a uniform day wage scale throughout the state. They have decided to make this concession because of the fact that otherwise concessions would be made by the miners of the first and fourth sub-districts.

Meet This Afternoon.

This afternoon the members of the joint committee will meet to hear the reports of the committees and caucuses and with this question of the day wage eliminated as an issue the way to a settlement is materially cleared. Two questions are now before the committee for settlement that of a uniform eight-hour day for miners, and a question which affects only the mines at Frazier. It is probable that the latter will be referred to a special committee for settlement within the next month, so that this will not delay the effecting of an agreement. The question of a uniform eight-hour day for the engineers affects only the smaller mines and it is possible that the final settlement of this question will be left to the local representatives as has been done in the past.

Refer to Sub-committee.

This afternoon an effort will be made to refer all questions now before the joint committee to a sub-committee for settlement. This is looked upon by both sides as a move in the interest of an early settlement inasmuch as it will leave the questions at issue to a much smaller body of men.

RESERVED DECISION

CIRCUIT COURT WITHHOLDS VERDICT ON HARRIMAN MOTION.

ARGUMENTS ARE ALL IN

Opinion on Motion Asking Leave to File Intervening Petition in Northern Securities Case May be Given Tomorrow.

St. Paul, April 13.—The United States circuit court, after hearing all the arguments on the motion of E. H. Harriman, et al., for leave to file an intervening petition in the Northern Securities case, reserved its decision until tomorrow.

POPE IS NOT ILL.

Dr. Laponni Says Visit to Vatican Nothing Unusual.

Rome, April 13.—Dr. Laponni authorizes the Associated Press to deny that the pope is ill. The doctor visited the Pontiff this morning, as he does several times each week, but he was not called to attend the pope.